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Further information on UA 51/97 (MDE 28/02/97, 17 February 1997)

- "Disappearance" / Fear for safety

ALGERIA Amine AMROUCHE, aged 22

Amnesty International has received information indicating that Amine Amrouche, who "disappeared" on 30 January 1997, is alive and being held in a military security centre in the capital, Algiers.

Amine Amrouche left his home in Baraki, on the outskirts of Algiers, at about 3pm on 30 January and never returned. His family inquired with the local police, the gendarmerie, courts, hospitals and the morgue but could not obtain any information. His grandmother went to the gendarmerie to make inquiries, but was reportedly verbally abused and thrown out. She was only allowed to file a complaint at the police station after several attempts.

Amine Amrouche was unemployed at the time he "disappeared", and was living with his grandmother. He has never been arrested before. Amnesty International remains deeply concerned for his safety.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in French, Arabic, English or your own language:

- calling for an urgent investigation into reports that Amine Amrouche, who "disappeared" on 30 January 1997, is being held in military detention in Algiers;
- urging that, if he is in the custody of the security forces, he be treated humanely and immediately granted access to his family and a lawyer of his choice.

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and to diplomatic representatives of ALGERIA accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 December 1997.